

BOOK NOTICE

The Lost Woods, Adventures of a Naturalist, Illustrated with 200 Photographs by the Author. By Edwin Way Teale. Dodd, Mead & Company, New York, 1945. 10×7 inches. xv + 326 p.

Mr. Teale's fan mail, I am sure, will rise to another peak, after *The Lost Woods* gets in circulation. This is the sixth of Mr. Teale's books on natural history to be brought out by Dodd, Mead & Company, all attractively designed and printed. *The Lost Woods*, named after a childish recollection of a mysterious woods that the author was unable to find after the passage of many years and which became to him a symbol of outdoor life, is a collection of fascinating accounts of animals of the land, sea and air, narrated and illustrated with the skill for which Mr. Teale is noted.

King crabs, serpents, cloud formations, birds, beavers, insects, snowflakes, animal tracks, naturalists, and all living things, instead of being ordinary everyday objects of no unusual interest, suddenly become animated actors in nature's drama as soon as Mr. Teale sets foot out-of-doors with his camera. Their behavior, their amazing and interesting habits, their battles and their movements are faithfully and accurately recorded by Mr. Teale for all to enjoy.

Mr. Teale's adventures occur in all sorts of places, in Times Square, in a submarine and in a plane, but most of them happen on the ground wherever he chances to be. These endless activities in the world of nature that Mr. Teale exposes to us are available to all who have the curiosity and interest necessary to be aware of them. Failing in this, one should read *The Lost Woods* in order to be made aware of life other than our own. Mr. Teale brings the woods, the fields, the sky, the streams, and their inhabitants right into your living room and his accounts are not only fascinating, but scientifically accurate. If you can't afford an actual vacation in the woods, take one anyhow by reading Mr. Teale's book, and enjoy the company of an interesting, many-sided naturalist and master photographer, who writes refreshingly about all animals, even jelly fish and slime molds.—
H. B. W.